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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

## POCAHONTAS FAIR TO RECEIVE STATE AID

The Pocahontas county fair, at Marlinton, is now entitled to receive state aid. The fair was incorporated yesterday by the secretary of state, removing the last obstacle in the path of state aid.

All requirements were previously met by the fair, except that it was not incorporated. The attorney general decided that the law specifically states that a charter must be issued before state aid may be given.

The fair is capitalized at \$25,000. The incorporators include eight prominent citizens of Pocahontas county, as follows: S. B. Wallace, Z. S. Smith, C. A. Yeager, H. C. C. Willey, F. R. Hill, C. W. Price, E. F. McLaughlin and Pat Gay of Marlinton.—Charleston Gazette.

### COLLEGE GIFT

Negotiations which have been in progress for some time are about to be closed, which will result in Halliburton, the home of the Elkins family here, being presented to Davis-Elkins college. The mansion was built by the late Stephen B. Elkins and crowns a hill top in the estate of 300 acres, now in the center of the thriving city of Elkins.

It is located on the opposite side of the city from the site of the Davis-Elkins college, but it is planned to some time in the future, to move the institution to the site of Halliburton and use that as a foundation for a group of college buildings that are to be constructed from time to time, as funds permit, in the future years. The gift is a valuable one, and a very appropriate one, since the college is the result of the inspiration and generosity of both the late Henry G. Davis and Stephen B. Elkins.

In the negotiations for the transfer of the property to the trustees of the college, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins and Senator Davis Elkins have taken the keenest interest and satisfaction, and associated with them in the matter is William G. Wilson of Elkins, one of the administrators of the Elkins estate.

### OBITUARY

On Sunday afternoon December 18, 1921, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Woodell on Stony Creek, and in the brief space of thirty minutes took away two of their charming daughters—Ethel Elizabeth, aged thirteen years, nine months and twelve days; and Clarissa Jane, aged seven years, 11 months and twenty days.

On Tuesday December 20 their remains were interred in the Edray cemetery with Rev. C. A. Powers of the M. E. Church in charge of the services. These bright little girls will be missed not only in the home circle, but also in the Sunday school and other church services where they were regular attendants, and in the class meetings were ever ready to do their part by testifying of their faith and trust in the Savior. We feel that the loss of these girls in the church militant is the gain of the church triumphant.

"So when life's short journey ends, Soul and body part like friends— No quarrels, no murmurs, no delay; A kiss, a sigh, and so away."

C. A. P.

### MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School  
11 a. m. Sermon. The Impregnable Rock.

7:00 p. m. C. E., Guy Bambrick, leader.  
7:45 p. m. Sermon: What are you Working For?

The meeting of the session called to meet last Monday evening was postponed one week and will be held this next Monday.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Auxiliary meets Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Wise Herold.

Next Thursday will be the day for the Circle meetings.

The following were welcomed into the church at the communion service this past Sunday by letter: Miss Mary Frances Bratton, Brown Zim, Merman, Mrs. Mary L. Collins, Miss Mary Priscilla Collins, and Mrs. Helen Byers.

## HOLD THE ROPE

By ANNA L. PRICE

Said Wm. Cary, first missionary to India, to Andrew Fuller: "Hold the ropes, and we'll go down the mine."

Hold the rope, brother,  
We go down the mine,  
Where dangers beset us,  
And the sun doth not shine.

Hold the rope, brother,  
'Tis dark and lonesome,  
And the heart will grow weary,  
It's so far from home.

Hold the rope, brother,  
The mine is the sea,  
And we go to tell heathen,  
Jesus died on the tree.

Yes, He died for the heathen,  
As he died for us here;  
But how shall they know it,  
Till we reach their ear?

Hold the rope, brother,  
With hand staunch and true  
For next to our Father,  
We depend on you.

Hold the rope, brother,  
It will not be long,  
And when the work's ended—  
The rest and the song.

Hold the rope, brother,  
True patience endures,  
And when God gives the wages,  
The half shall be yours.

1922.

In reporting what the Farm Bureau and County Agent Willey had done last year, we failed to mention probably the most important enterprise of all—the boys' and girls' calf club project. The Calf Club Committee—Dr. U. H. Hannah, W. H. Barlow, W. E. Poage, F. P. Kidd, and Henry W. Beard—procured an even dozen purebred registered Hereford calves, and sold them on time to two girls and ten boys. The conditions of the sale are that the young people must care for the calves under the certain rules and regulations and supervision of the County Agent until the 1922 Pocahontas County Fair where the calves will be exhibited and sold at auction. The Farm Bureau guarantees the original purchase price and cost of all feed. The members of the Calf Club are Olive Hevener and Mary Moore, Hosterman; Joe and Alfred Gay and Delbert Cogar, of Edray; Dick Nottingham, of Boyer; Edward Wallace, Mathew Beard, Earl Kidd, and Henry Rodgers of Hillsboro, and Harper Beard, of Beard. That they are making good is shown by the report for last month of all calf projects in the State of West Virginia, in which the Pocahontas girls and boys led all the rest with the highest average gain in weight at the lowest cost per pound gained—an average gain of 46 pounds at a cost of 56 per pound. The value of this demonstration lies in the fact calves from the best blood lines are in the hands of young people who are being taught and required to care for them by modern methods of cattle husbandry. Also the old folks of the farm and community can see what good stock properly cared for really means. If the county agent had never done anything else, this calf club project alone will in time be worth all he ever cost the county.

Mrs. R. N. Lewis and son of Huntington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Cass through the holidays. Her daughter, Martena Henderson, who has been in Baltimore for some time, is also spending a few days with her. She will return to Baltimore for the New Year. Mrs. Lewis will return to the Kesler-Hatfield Hospital where she has been in training for some time.

Report third month Spencer school K. B. Wilmoth, teacher. Those present every day, Brady Spencer, Virgil Spencer, Roy Spencer, Elmer Simmons, Virgie Spencer, Margie Simmons, Mary Simmons.

Honor roll Beard school, Levels District, Mary Burr, teacher. Third month: Eula May, Bertha Dorman, Lillian Hefner, Lucille Smith, Marguerite Kipeald, Ida Dorman, Eunice Smith, Elizabeth Poague, Clarence May, Arta Welis, Sterrette Smith, Hugh Hefner, Paul Cutlip, Henry Smith, Frank Hefner, Robert Doss.

Fourth month—Eula May, Lucille Smith, Marguerite Kipeald, Viola Carr, Beula Carr, Eunice Smith, Elizabeth Poague, Arta Welis, Sterrette Smith, Leslie Carr, Henry Smith, Robert, Doss.

## DIED

Mrs. Hannah E. Shelton died at her home at Buckeye, December 23, 1921, aged 87 years. This aged woman was the widow of the late Thomas Shelton, and the last member of the family of Arch Burgess and his wife, Elizabeth McNear Burgess, her only brother, Paul Burgess dying twelve years ago. She is survived by her two children, Miss Hattie Shelton and Arch Shelton. For many years Mrs. Burgess had been a professing Christian, a member of the M. E. Church. Burial at the Buckman graveyard, near Millpoint, the services being conducted by Rev. Hogsett.

### DANGER SIGNALS

The Metropolitan Insurance Company in its effort to aid the public health campaign, and incidentally decrease their own liabilities, issue a bulletin in which some of the following questions are asked and discussed. Is your child handicapped? Does your child's nose run or is it sore? Does the child snuffle? Are the eyes red? Are there fever sores or eczema around the nose and mouth? Does the child seem dull? Does it stand and look at you with open mouth? Does it put its hands to its head as though it had earache? Does it take cold easily? Does the child sleep with its mouth open? Does it snore? If the answer to any of these is Yes, ask the doctor if the child has adenoids or large tonsils.

When tonsils become diseased they contain little cups or crypts in which poisonous germs are developed and then carried to other parts of the body and cause sickness. Adenoids are little red unnatural growths just where the nose and throat join. They stop up the nose and make the child breathe through its mouth. A mouth breather is never healthy and is subject to catarrh, and easily contracts pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Earaches is an indication of adenoids, and in any event may lead to a running ear, which may and often does infect the brain. Even in the milder cases deafness may result. Do not neglect it. Enlarged glands of the neck are filled with poison which nature is trying to carry away. They mean poisonous germs in the nose or throat and when transferred to the system may cause rheumatism, heart disease, or even lung or stomach troubles.

A young child with snuffles or some skin rash may have congenital syphilis. An older child with Hutchinson's teeth is almost certain to have syphilis, one of the most serious diseases known to modern medicine, but it can be cured.

All these conditions are dangerous. Do not wait for them to get well themselves. They are danger signals. Go to a doctor at once, and go to a good one.—U. S. Public Health Service.

### HOSTERMAN

The little child of C. E. Morgan died December 26, of pneumonia.

Joe Hogue and his son Martin, of Mill Creek, have finished sawing lumber for Filmore Cox, on Bob Sutton's place.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely with Mrs. Bessie Workman, teacher.

We all enjoyed the Christmas tree at the school house.

M. Gordon, of Seebert, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mamie Sutton. He is accompanied by his son Alex Gordon, of New Jersey.

Everybody enjoyed the Xmas tree at the Dunkard church Christmas eve.

Miss Virgie Whitmire, who has been staying at Greenbank, spent her holidays at home. Also Emmett Whitmire who is working at the tannery was at home.

James Galford got a telegram Saturday to come to Pennsylvania at once, that his son Dennis who has been working there was not expected to live. We are sorry to hear that.

Our Sunday school at the Dunkard church has closed for the winter.

Jess Nottingham caught a big wild cat on Winters Sutton's place last Monday.

Misses Edie Moore and Nettie Greathouse, who are attending the high school at Greenbank, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Anna Burner is teaching a fine school at Cherry Grove and our children are learning fast.

We hear that George Sutton is very sick.

### MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. B. Wyand, Pastor.  
Sunday School 9:45.  
A. S. Overholt, Superintendent.  
Morning worship 11 a. m.

Sermon subject: "The Great Divorce"  
7:00 p. m. Epworth League.  
7:45 p. m. Preaching service.

Sermon by Presiding Elder H. I. Stephens. Fourth quarterly conference will be held after evening service.

### NOTICE

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass on the lands of the undersigned by hauling away any wood which is already cut, or not cut on the land known as the Don Ervin land, lying along the county road south of Greenbank.

Mattie B. Hamed,  
Greenbank, W. Va.

P. C. Curry was called to Huntington on Tuesday by the illness of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curry.

## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

(By Wm. H. Sawyer)

No method of communicating thought has ever equalled the symbolism of the ancients. When Aeneas of Troy went to consult the Sibyl about his proposed visit to Hell she said:

"The journey down to the abyss  
Is prosperous and light;  
The palace gates of gloomy Dis,  
Stand open day and night,  
But upward to retrace the way,  
And pass into the light of day  
There comes the stress of labor; this  
Will take a hero's might."

It is no trouble to get into hell, but the trouble is to get out. Look how easy it was for the Nations to get into hell. It only took them a short while to get in debt four hundred billion dollars, bankrupt themselves, murder eleven million men and bring on such a reign of chaos as the world has ever known before. When again will we be as well off as we were on August the first, 1914? Had Germany won the war and dictated the peace it would have taken her fifty years to have been as well off as she appeared to be on August 1, 1914. And now look at France and Austria and England and Russia? They are almost ruined and dead. And take our own United States: For the first year in our history we may be actually worth less at the end of the year than we were at the beginning. What caused the war? Man is a curious being—a paradox. He does not understand himself. When in the most imminent of dangers he is stupid, lazy and blind. At the height of peace and plenty he becomes thankful, godless and foolish. God had never before prospered man as he was doing on August 1, 1914, and man never had more completely forgotten God than on August 1, 1914. He was never so thoughtless—atheistic and thankless. Never in the history of the world was he wiser in his own conceit. There was no standard for social distinction but wealth—Philosophy, learning, love and religion had become almost by-words and terms of reproach. The whole system under which we were living fostered dishonesty and lying. We had denied the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And Heaven blew its breath on a civilization that had forgotten God and it fell like a house of cards. What boots it to enquire who started the war? The world was a tinder box, and the conflagration would have spread from wherever the spark fell. And from the pains and groans of its partition in His own good time a better and nobler civilization will be born whose God will be the Lord. Sweet are the uses of adversity and only from war and havoc and destruction can man learn the lessons of philosophy and religion. The great curse of the age from a political standpoint has been paternalism and pretense. Paternalism in government is the creature of the demagogue. The people of the United States, in exchange for their liberty and their treasure were promised relief from the tyranny and extortion of the corporation and public utility; fair treatment from the railroads, temperance and sobriety. The government has been given full power to tax, to fine and to imprison. All the functions and business of civilization and life will soon be under the direction of a commission at Washington. If something does not happen, but something is going to happen. A correspondent has figured out that one bureau at Washington that was created to save the government in finance was costing the taxpayers \$242,000 for every \$180 that it saved them, and whilst this is an extreme case it is typical. Paternalism will peter out. It can not deliver the goods. Man has never developed a sense of proportion. He seems to be no better satisfied with "all that exalts and embellishes civilized life" than he was with the debauchery of cannibalism and the clanking chains of slavery. Unregenerate man is a gambler and a con player. This renders him the victim of the demagogue and the shatterer. Pull him out of the gutters of poverty and transfer him to a palace and clothe him in fine raiment and face him sumptuously every day, and he will straightway forget his God and prove an ingrate to his benefactors.

"But the souls of men are bits of bad and good  
The bad is oft misjudged and the good misunderstood."

The troubles of this world are due to ignorance and meanness. Take our troubles in this country. They are all due to our stupidity. Our taxation system is doing more than anything else to destroy the peace and prosperity of the country. Any sensible man could take a lead pencil and go out behind a gum stamp and devise a more sensible system in an hour. The trouble with the tax laws are that they are not American, unequal, unjust and a general damnation to the country. Business is refusing to function under them and they are going to break down by the weight of their own stupidity. They were conceived in sin and born in iniquity. Aside from this they are very fine. Every law is written in the statutes of this or any other country was conceived by the demagogue, the fanatic, and the liar. I do not care what it is, or what its purpose is, it is a bad law and fosters lying and deceit. It is known that the worst violators of some of the laws of this country are the very legislators who enacted them and the very people who voted for them. If the people of this country were as dishonest and as drunken and as low

down and mean as some of our laws indicate we would perish in our own putridity in twenty years.

But the darkest hour is just before dawn. I am not in the confidence of either Heaven or Fate, nor am I a prophet or the son of a prophet, but I am of the opinion that the nippings of the frost of adversity will do the world a vast amount of good. In the first place they will sober us and make us sensible. Then we will give this government a steam cleaning and a fumigation from top to bottom. About the next election we will reform the reformers and you will find statesmen and stateswomen galore who are now engaged in graft and uplift work, planting post holes or taking a fall out of the corrugated bosom of a washboard to make "buckle and belly meet." We are told that some of the "Countesses" and "ladies in waiting" over in Europe are taking good adversity did over there. There is not a more worthless gee-gaw in Nature's whole economy than a "Countess" (unless it would be a professional "Uplifter" in America) nor a more useful creature in all the world than a wash woman. As I said I am no prophet but I think I see a little cloud in the sky about the size of a man's hand and I think you may look out for an old poupon. And I have visions of an old tyrannical Russian. Spy System now swagging over America in shoulder straps and spurs and swords and pistols, drinking moonshine whiskey, and shooting people in violation of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States either in hell or in the penitentiary where it belongs, or grubbing stumps in an effort to make an honest living. I think we are going to have a new psychology, a new birth and we will be a better and a nobler people. And we will renovate this educational system of ours. We will make "frat" and football a felony and have it so that when a young man graduates from college he will know a Greek verb from the cube root. And we want to so change our religion that its practices will not be hell on earth and ill will toward men, and hate your neighbor and love your neighbor's wife. We want some genuine golden rule religion, some love for our fellow creatures and some consideration of their rights and some sympathy for their sorrows and we want this religion to spring from the heart and not according to "Schedule A" of some high-salaried grafter in Washington.

I used to disagree with St. Paul

## MOST SENSATIONAL SALE

### Ever Attempted in Cass

But don't let one of your regrets be that you didn't take advantage of this sale we are holding throughout the store. It is an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Check up you needs—not a alone for today, but for months to come and make your purchases at Cooper's every article throughout the store reduced practically to cost!

### All Suits and Overcoats Reduced

25.00 suits and overcoats now 18.75  
30. suits and overcoats now 22.50

#### All Shoes Reduced

12.50 men's shoes now 6.95  
9.00 men's shoes now 4.95  
7.00 men's shoes now 3.95

All hats reduced to cost  
All sweaters reduced to cost  
All hose reduced to cost  
All gloves reduced to cost  
All underwear reduced to cost  
Men's mackinaws reduced to cost  
Boys' " " cost  
All men's shirts reduced to cost

The best dress gingham at 16c yd  
The best calico 12-1-2c yd

### All Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses

35.00 suits now 25.00  
25. suits now 18.75  
20. suits now 15.  
18. suits now 12.50  
35. coats now 25.  
28. coats now 20.  
18. coats now 13.50

Women's and Misses' dresses reduced to cost  
New Bleaded Crepe de Ghine blouses reduced to cost  
All Ladies' oxford reduced to cost  
All Ladies' high cut shoes reduced to cost

O. N. T. spool thread at 5c  
The best apron gingham 13c yd

## COOPER'S Cass, W. Va.

## Improvements That Will Follow Good Roads

Improving the local roads to help the farmer and reduce living costs is not all that is necessary to bring about the desired result. Improved storage, transportation and marketing of farm products will follow.

Improving roads, however, is, in the natural order and basis value, the first and most important part of the program of progress.

First National Bank  
MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
The Bank of Security and Service.

### "YOUR TEETH"

Preparedness

By Rea Proctor McGee, D. D. S.,  
M. D., Editor "Oral Hygiene"

Only a fool would want another war. The greatest tragedy of war is that war kills the wrong people.

When the day does come, though, we must have the vigor and energy to do our part. No less must we have the vigor and energy to do our part in times of peace. Peace is a war of commercial competition for the markets of the world.

If we are to do our part every citizen must be able to do his share of the work, no matter what that share may be. We must have nourishment. How can any one be properly nourished on soup?

Whenever you lose your power to masticate you become a "souper." The earlier you lose the power to masticate your food, the sooner your physical and mental development will stop. With all our high ideals, all of our advancement, all of our science we still face the stern necessity of eating three meals each day.

All of the millions of people in this world must think first of their food supply. We are anchored to the kitchen. Why not get the fullest benefit of our food? Take care of your children's teeth and of your own teeth so that the vitamins that hold the secret power of nourishment may be extracted from the food and do their full duty.

In the last analysis, a war is just a fight between two sets of people; one set wishes to take the others food away from them.

When we neglect our teeth we bring down on our own heads the penalty that a victorious enemy would inflict we deprive ourselves of the full benefit of our food.

On January 7, there will be a ple social at the Hosterman school. Proceeds for the purpose of buying a phonograph for school. We solicit your patronage and co-operation. Since the theory has been so widely accepted that "we learn by doing," The times has come when we must make our school work alive and interesting. In no better way can this be done than by putting within the reach of our children all helpful and interesting devices which will make school work so enticing that it will be enjoyable and not a burden to the child. We appreciate all past interest and hope to have as visitors a greater number of our patrons.

when he said that the wisdom of this world is foolishness. The reason I differed from him was because Paul knew what he was talking about, and I had never seen the wisdom of the world in full swing, and in the hands of "experts." Any man who has read the senseless jabber of the great and near great of this world, as I have done for five years, will find himself in full accord with the wise old fellow who wrote the Bible. In fact, I almost agree with Mahomet when he says: "True wisdom is neither of age nor of learning but only of Allah, the Allwise." I think we are going to have better times and a better world just as soon as we deserve them.

All things have their compensation. This world never was so interesting as now and we are told in the Aeneid of Virgil that in the gloomy grove around Hell's dire abyss there is one golden bough, held sacred to the infernal queen and that whosoever finds that bough can swim the Stygian pool or look unharmed on the horrors of Tartarus. I have full faith in good old America and her people that they will find that Bough of Gold, and with the Sibyl sing:

"Come great Aeneas tread the way,  
And keep your falchion bare;  
Now for a heart that scorns dismay  
Now for a soul prepared;  
This said with madness in her face  
She plunges into the cave;  
He with her lengthening strides  
keeps pace,  
As fearless and as brave."  
—West Virginia News.

The officers of the Pocahontas Sunday School association are called to meet at Marlinton Presbyterian church on Saturday January 14, at 12 o'clock by County President S. N. Hench. This is a get together meeting to consider a number of important matters. Among them is the setting of the time for the annual county convention, and what the association is going to do about the custom of closing Sunday Schools in so many communities during the winter period. Of the seventy schools of the county, only about twenty keep in session the year round.

Report of Sunrise school, third month, Clara Hollandsworth, teacher Hazel McCoy, Nellie McCoy, Hazel Kershner, Hallie Kershner, Olive Hendrick, Lena Brown, Grace Kershner, Edith Brown, Dorothy Brown, Delbert Kershner, Clyde Kershner, Everett McCoy, Lloyd Hendrick, Edgar Hendrick, Grady Brown, Earl Shue, Carl Gladwell.